

Union Calendar No. 16

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 221

[Report No. 106-31]

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth
to perform certain work with wood products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. KIND, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. REGULA, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. ADERHOLT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

FEBRUARY 24, 1999

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION.**

2 Section 13(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
3 1938 (29 U.S.C. 213(c)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(6)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), in the adminis-
6 tration and enforcement of the child labor provisions of
7 this Act, it shall not be considered oppressive child labor
8 for an individual who—

9 “(i) is at least 14 but under the age of 18, and

10 “(ii) is a member of a religious sect or division
11 thereof whose established teachings do not permit
12 formal education beyond the eighth grade,

13 to be employed inside or outside places of business where
14 machinery is used to process wood products.

15 “(B) The employment of an individual under sub-
16 paragraph (A) shall be permitted—

17 “(i) if the individual is supervised by an adult
18 relative of the individual or is supervised by an adult
19 member of the same religious sect or division as the
20 individual;

21 “(ii) if the individual does not operate or assist
22 in the operation of power-driven woodworking ma-
23 chines;

24 “(iii) if the individual is protected from wood
25 particles or other flying debris within the workplace
26 by a barrier appropriate to the potential hazard of

1 such wood particles or flying debris or by maintain-
2 ing a sufficient distance from machinery in oper-
3 ation; and

4 “(iv) if the individual is required to use per-
5 sonal protective equipment to prevent exposure to
6 excessive levels of noise and saw dust.”.

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